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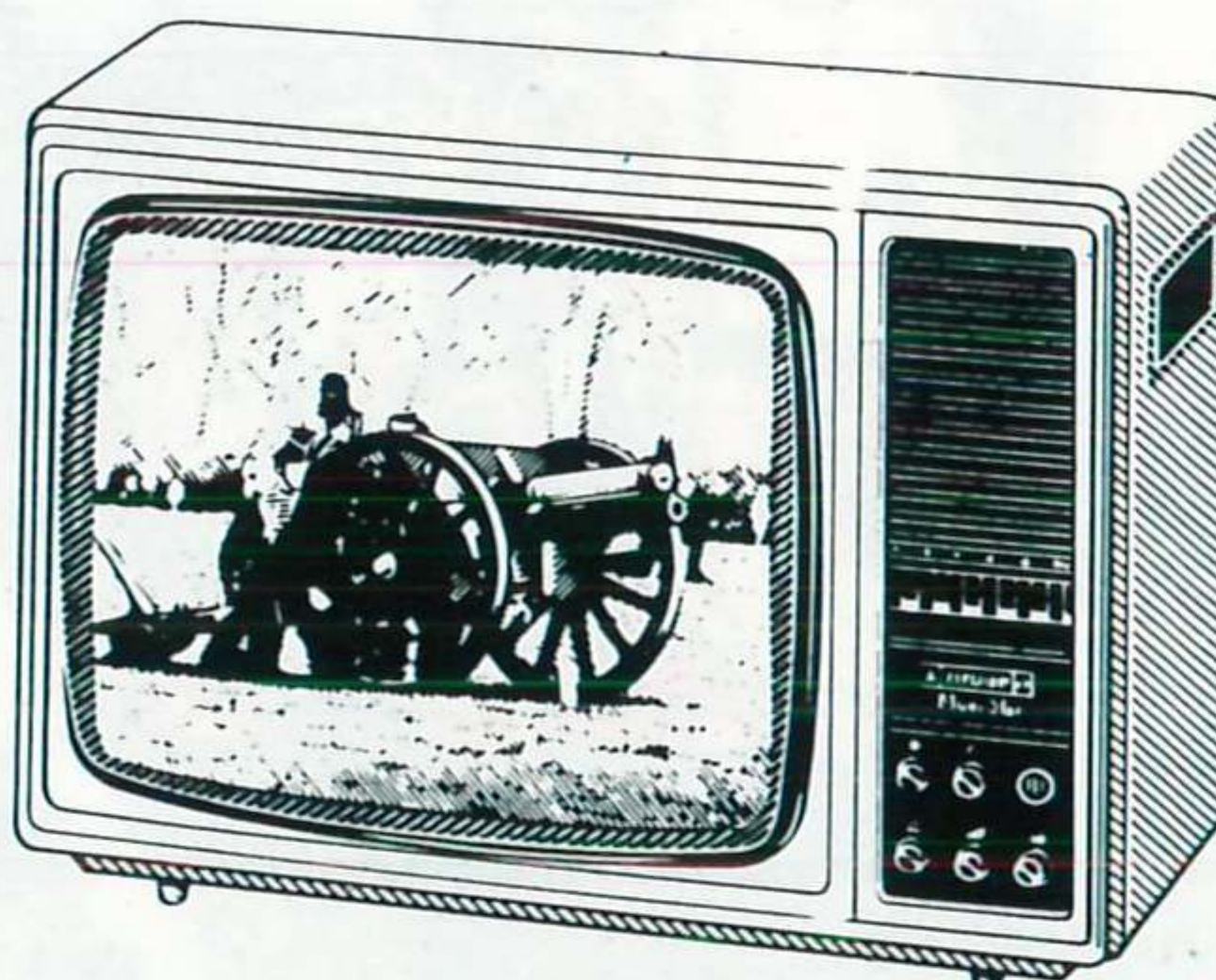
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Stan Anderson writes

In welcoming you to this afternoon's somewhat historic "derby" match against our neighbours from Oldham, I would like to impress on everyone the fact that this is merely an experiment. That we have switched this particular fixture to Sunday does not mean that we want to play all our games on Sundays from now on.

It's just that current trends being the way they are something has got to be tried.

It proved successful at Darlington last week when more than twice the average gate saw the first Sunday game since the League relaxed its rules. It seems there is a case for Sunday football since it appears fans who would not normally have attended the Darlington-Mansfield game on Saturday decided to attend the game on the Sunday.

While Darlington was the focus of attention last week it is to be expected that we will be watched closely this week.

It might appear that being one of the first to experiment, we are strongly in favour of Sunday soccer. But I for one am keeping an open mind on the matter. I hope, of course, that we can attract a bigger crowd than would normally watch the fixture possibly attracting people from the Wigan, Salford and other Manchester areas.

But I do not want to see a wholesale switch to Sundays. I prefer the idea of staging three or four games a season, but I feel the novelty value must be there.

Games against local teams like Blackburn, Preston and this fixture against Oldham are ideal ones to see switched to Sunday's but I don't think there would be any value in playing a London club for instance. Transport is an important factor and I wouldn't expect Sunday soccer to pay off against teams whose supporters would have to travel great distances.

That brings us to today's fixture — an important game for both ourselves and Oldham. There was only a point between us in the table before the kick off so it's a desperation fixture for both of us.

We have been putting extreme pressure on ourselves throughout the season by failing to pick up sufficient points away from home.

The same applied last week at Bristol Rovers when there was a great opportunity for us to pick up at least one point and we blew it. We just failed to cope with the fundamentals of football and so we find ourselves once again under extreme pressure to win another home game.

The pressure was on in a similar fashion when we played Derby County and Cardiff City in recent games. We won both those games quite handsomely so we should be hoping for a similar result today.

Our Visits



Back Row: Martin Nuttall, Nick Sinclair, Paul Atkinson, Steve Gardener, Keith Hicks (now Hereford), Mark Hilton, Rodger Wylde.

Middle Row: Bill Taylor (Asst. Manager/Chief Coach), Gary Hoolickin, Kenny Clements, Jim Steel, Peter McDonnell, John Platt, Simon Stainrod (now Q.P.R.), John Bowden, John Hurst, Jimmy Frizzell (Manager).

Front Row: Ged Keegan, Ronnie Blair, Ryszard Kowenicki, Paul Heaton, John Ryan, Darren McDonough, Steve Edwards, Tim Jordan.

"NEW TEAM" THREAT REVIVES OLDHAM TONY PULLEIN

When Oldham were struggling down at the bottom of the Second Division earlier this season, manager Jimmy Frizzell declared: "If we don't very soon start to get results I shall scrap the whole team and start building again from scratch!"

Oldham's away form had been particularly poor. Until they broke their duck with a shock 2-0 win at Notts. County in December, the Latics had failed to win away in 11 attempts.

When Q.P.R. made a £275,000 bid for top scorer Simon Stainrod, Mr Frizzell recommended acceptance and then started to go ahead with his rebuilding project. He used only £70,000 of the cash to buy a replacement striker, Roger Palmer, who is beginning to prove every bit as successful as a goalscorer.

At around the same time the manager decided to bring in several of his young players. Martin Nuttall (forward) and Darren McDonough (midfield) were both given their League debuts, Steve Edwards and Mark Hilton were recalled in midfield.

Another change saw the recall of John Platt to replace Peter McDonnell in goal.

The most settled aspect of the team has been the defence where John Hurst and Ken Clements have been holding things together in the middle and that versatile N. Ireland international Ronnie Blair is now established at left-back.

Nick Sinclair has been the right-back in recent weeks, having succeeded Gary Hoolickin.

With former England under-21 cap Paul Futch now through a period of suspension, he could return to midfield in place of one of the youngsters. Richard Kowenicki, the Polish international, has suffered several injuries and has not been able to hold a regular place but the determined Ged Keegan ensures there is plenty of bite in Oldham's midfield.

Forwards Jim Steel and Roger Wylde have been out of the side in recent weeks.

All these changes seem to have paid off, however. In spite of their third round F.A. Cup defeat by Fourth Division Wimbledon, Oldham have been getting some excellent results in the Second Division. They won their first three games of 1981 — at Orient (3-2), Cardiff (2-0) and at home to Bristol Rovers (1-0).

The Latics



Until recently luck had not been on Oldham's side much this season, though it is often said that a team manufactures its own luck. But at the first stage of the League Cup they defeated Portsmouth 3-2 in their home leg but, by losing 0-1 at Fratton park, they went down on the away goal double rule.

Though playing some attractive approach football, Oldham lacked punch in front of goal for a long while. they would outplay many of their opponents only to loose 0-1 or 1-2.

Now they seem to be pulling away from the relegation zone and Mr Frizzell hopes then to have another consideration of his long-term plans for the club.

"In recent years we have seen clubs like Manchester United and Wolves drop into the Second Division and

I think this proves that the gap between the top two divisions is smaller now than it has ever been," he maintains. "I believe it is reasonable now for us to set our target on the First Division."

Oldham, of course, have been a First Division club in the past. In 1915 they took runners-up position but they were relegated in 1923 and have never since returned to the top section. When they have played themselves out of their recent slump — and signs are that they are already doing just that — they intend to resume their quest for a place at the top.

Jimmy Frizzell has been with Oldham for 20 years now, the past ten as manager. Since taking charge of the team, he has lifted the club from the Fourth Division to the Second Division and now he's got his sights fixed firmly upon the First.

JOHN PLATT (Goalkeeper). John's recent return to first-team duty for Oldham underlines what faith and determination can do for a player. After three years in the Oldham senior side, John received a serious injury in 1978 and no one believed he would ever play again. But he was determined to prove the medical men wrong — his presence today proves he has won that battle.

NICK SINCLAIR (Defender). Nick made his League debut two season ago but then he had to wait patiently until this season for a further opportunity. He has been filling the right-back spot in recent weeks.

JOHN HURST (Defender). John played some 350 First Division games for Everton, winning a League Championship medal in 1970. He also played in the 1968 F.A. Cup final and gained England under-23 honours while at Goodison. He was transferred to Oldham in 1976.

KEN CLEMENTS (Defender). Oldham paid a then club record fee of £150,000 to sign Ken from Manchester City last season. He had developed in the Maine Road club junior teams and made his League bow in 1975. Ken made well over 100 First Division appearances.

RONNIE BLAIR (Defender). Versatile Ronnie was capped five times by N. Ireland. Now in his second spell with Oldham, he left for Preston (loan) then Rochdale (in 1970) but re-joined the Latics three years later. He can play in almost any position.

GARY HOOLICKIN (Defender). Gary developed in the junior sides at Boundary Park and first stepped into the League eleven in 1976/77. He has played a couple of dozen times for the Latics in the Second Division.

RYSZARD KOWENICKI (Midfield). Ryszard — known to his team-mates as Richard — joined Oldham from Widzew Lodz last season. He played his first English League game against Chelsea in December. Ryszard is a Polish international.

PAUL FUTCHER (Midfield). Paul, who now plays in midfield, won 11 England under-21 caps as a centre-

back. He was transferred from Chester to Luton for £100,000 in 1974 and to Man. City for £350,000 in 1978. Oldham signed him for £200,000 last summer.

GED KEEGAN (Midfield). Ged made a number of appearances in Manchester City's First Division side and joined Oldham for £25,000 two seasons ago. Though normally a midfield player, Ged can also play at full-back.

MARK HILTON (Midfield). Another product of the club's junior teams, Mark got his first taste of League soccer in 1977/78.

STEVE EDWARDS (Midfield). Steve is another player who joined the club as a youngster. He made his League debut in 1977/78 and hopes soon to make his 50th League appearance for the Latics.

DARREN McDONOUGH (Midfield). Darren made his League bow in Oldham's surprise victory at Notts. County in December, celebrating the occasion with a goal.

RODGER WYLDE (Forward). Rodger was signed from Sheffield Wednesday for £80,000 last season. He had been a regular member in the Owls' side for four years and in 1976/7 he was their leading scorer with 25 goals.

PAUL ATKINSON (Forward). Paul was introduced to Oldham's Second Division side on the opening day of last season and held his place until a few weeks ago.

JIM STEEL (Forward). Jim joined Oldham from Scottish junior football in June 1978 and was introduced to their first-team in 1978/79. He held the centre-forward spot for most of last season.

ROGER PALMER (Forward). Roger was signed from Manchester City for £70,000 in November and, after a quite settling-in period, has been showing a special sharpness in front of goal. He made his First Division debut for Manchester City in 1977/78 and made a total of 26 League appearances for the club.

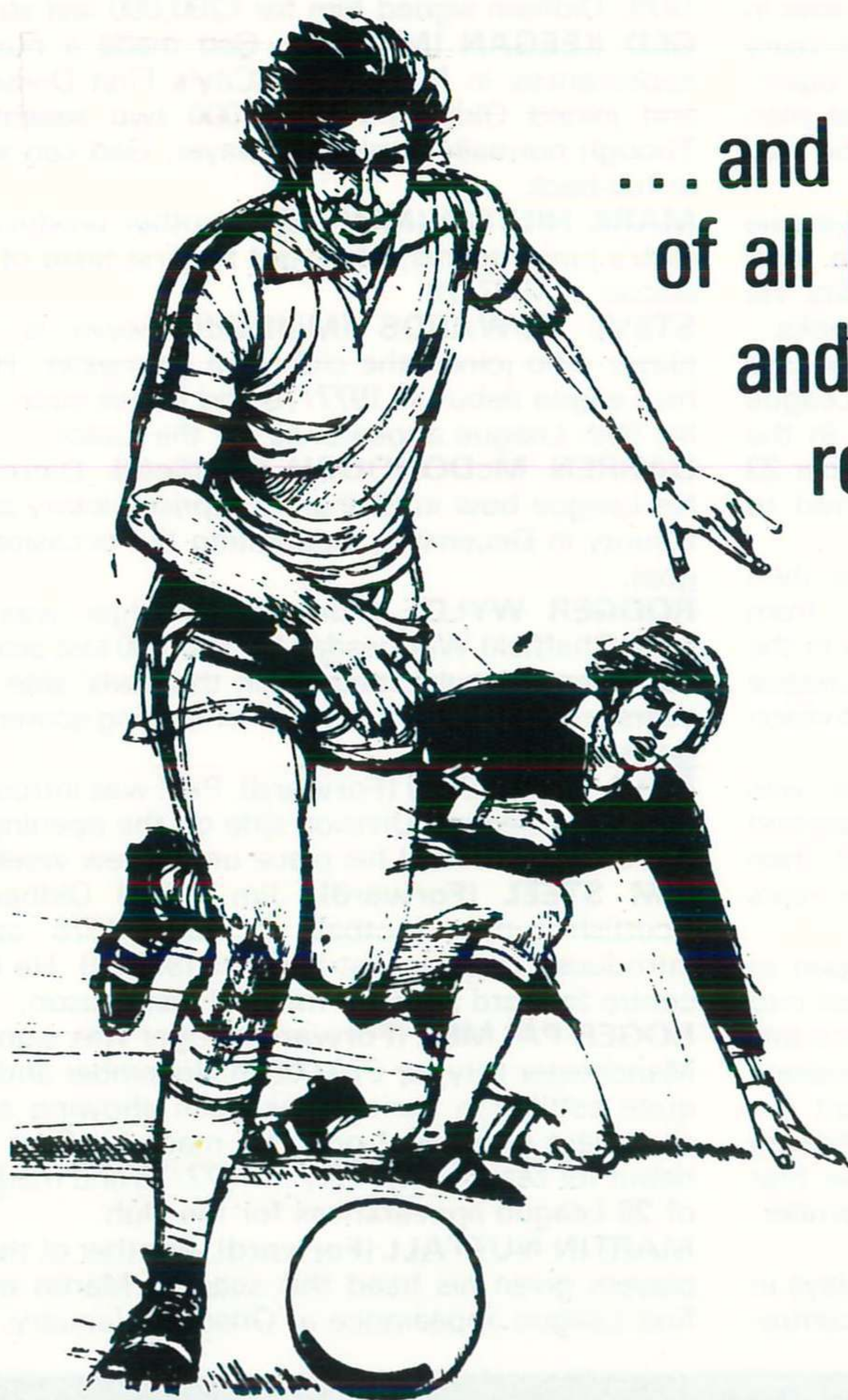
MARTIN NUTTALL (Forward). Another of the young players given his head this season, Martin made his first League appearance at Orient in January.

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Club Scene

GERRY McELHINNEY

What a tremendous thrill it must have been for Gerry McElhinney when he heard the news of his call up for the Northern Ireland World Cup squad.

In less than six months, since his £25,000 transfer from Distillery, Gerry has managed to create a tremendous impression on Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham who has seen the 23 year old defender at regular intervals.

Mr Bingham, like everyone else who witnessed it, was particularly impressed by Gerry's handling of England danger-man Trevor Francis in our FA Cup tussle with Nottingham Forest. So Gerry's international call has been a well earned one.

Gerry's schedule begins tomorrow with a training session and a practice match against Birmingham City as the 21 strong Northern Ireland squad begins its build up for the World Cup qualifier against Scotland at Hampden Park on March 25.

ERIC BELL

Can you help Granada Television trace ex-Wanderers' star Eric Bell? Granada are piecing together newsreel and up to the minute interviews of players involved in the 1953 FA Cup Final — the game which went down in history as the Matthews Final with Blackpool coming from an almost impossible position to beat Wanderers 4-3.

Not the happiest of memories of Wanderers' FA Cup days, but a game which lives on as one of the most nostalgic of Wembley classics.

Granada are taking an in depth look at the 1953 final and have been interviewing most of the players involved — except Eric Bell, who played at half back for Wanderers. The film is scheduled to be screened during FA Cup final week, marking the centenary of the most treasured of trophies.

If you can help trace Eric, the Granada TV Sports Desk would be glad to hear from you.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL

DO you remember Wanderers' first experiment with Sunday football?

That was back in the winter of 1974 — January 6th to be precise — when the government of the day, faced with an energy crisis and a three day week, relaxed the rules covering Sunday soccer.

No-one could have envisaged, when the third round FA Cup tie against Stoke City was switched to a Sunday, that a crowd of almost 40,000 would pack into Burnden Park.

The scenes on and around the ground were amazing with fans flocking through the turnstiles on every corner of the ground. It seemed the whole town

had gone soccer crazy with curious fans from all points of the compass wanting to witness the novelty of Sunday football.

The match, watched by 39,138 lived up to everyone's expectations — a thriller right to the very end and a game in the true tradition of FA Cup ties.

Wanderers' hero of the day was ace marksman John Byrom whose hat-trick set up an historic 3-2 victory sending Burnden's first Sunday crowd wild with excitement.

Sunday soccer didn't end there, though. Two weeks later, more than 23,000 — a gate well above the average for Second Division fixtures at Burnden — saw Wanderers beat Bristol City, 2-1.

But with the energy crisis subsiding, things got back to normal and for the League clubs who had cashed in on Sunday football, the honeymoon was over. It was a hit while it lasted though — ask John Byrom.

YOUTH

Wanderers' interest in the Lancashire FA Youth Cup came to an end at the semi-final stage here at Burnden Park, when the Bolton youngsters went down on penalties to Manchester City after 120 minutes of football had ended scoreless.

It was a brave fight by the Wanderers who certainly deserved another crack at the much-fancied City side. But the tie had to be settled on the night and in the end one penalty miss proved costly.

Nevertheless, spurred on by skipper Mike Bennett, Wanderers created one or two memorable moments and with City down to 10 men, after Andy May's sending off, they had no luck at all with their finishing.

Brian Atherton, Barry Taylor and Wayne Foster all went close to clinching a result in normal time.

Their rhythm was upset, though, when an injury to stand-in goalkeeper Gary Walker meant Foster had to pull on the goalkeeper's jersey. Walker had only been called up late in the day when regular goalkeeper Simon Farnworth dislocated a finger getting in some extra training.

The Wanderers side was: Gary Walker, Paul Jenkins, David Fitzharris, Brian Atherton, Neil Berry, David Kay, Barry Taylor, Wayne Foster, Kevin Gratton, Mike Bennett, Chris Conway. Subs George Mulligan, Simon Rudge.

"JUNIOR WHITES" NEWS

The young lad leading the team out today, David Ashurst, is the first mascot to wear the "Cambrian" track suit top, which will be used by all the mascots from now on. This is a further part of our Sponsorship deal with the mineral water firm.

I hope all of you who came along last Monday to our Referees Night had a great time, my thanks to you all and the many people, staff and friends who helped out.

Now that the "Junior Whites" evenings, and other events, such as the Mascot Scheme and football games are in full swing, we would like to hear from all you young fans, with your own news and ideas. There will be a prize from the Happy Shop for the best letter.

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Roy Cavanagh

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GROUNDS for complaint

When Brighton's chairman Mike Bamber and his Crystal Palace counterpart Ray Bloye got together to discuss a ground sharing scheme, it was as if a whiff of sanity had suddenly been injected into the game.

Bamber a property developer, suggested that the two clubs should sell their respective homes, Selhurst Park and the Goldstone Ground and move to a new purpose built all-seater stadium on a site near Gatwick Airport.

Whether the deal will actually take off and complete its orbit is a matter for conjecture, but Mr. Bamber is not a man who is easily detracted from his ambitions.

There can be little argument that on the whole British football stadia are inadequate, old fashioned and run down. Many through years of decay have become dangerous and most lack even the basic facilities expected at a place of major entertainment. In short they do nothing to attract their customers.

True some clubs have spent enormous sums of money on ground improvements, but in most cases it has just been a patch-up job, an endeavour to make the time worn premises acceptable to today's more discerning public.

Have they really succeeded? While the shell of a new concrete stand might tower over a ground like a monumental colossus, the basic facilities for refreshments, toilets and car parking still remain in the dark ages.

And besides the running costs and upkeep of our ancient monuments is prohibitively uneconomical. And yet while clubs continue to cry poverty and stretch their overdrafts even further to embark on improvements we get the ridiculous situations of clubs in the same town playing before half-full houses on alternate dates in separate grounds.

It just does not make sense. Why oh why don't they pool their resources, share their overheads . . . apart from wages, and provide themselves and the public with the sort of facilities they are entitled to.

If Bradford Park Avenue and Bradford City had done just that then both clubs would still be in existence and financially secure. Instead football folk prefer to tread the path of

tradition and continue with their feudal interpretation.

I remember talking to Sheffield United's enlightened boss Harry Haslam, earlier this season when he stated: "Abroad they are way in front of us. They really are. The clubs are more than just football clubs they are multi-sports complexes with membership up in the 600,000 region, playing basketball, squash and a host of other games.

"Here what have we got?" he asked surveying the desolate Bramall Lane plot. "Fourteen acres of ground all as dead as a duck, except when we have a home match."

Yet Bramall Lane and Hillsborough remain costly monuments to years gone by and although it would make financial sense for the two clubs . . . who were both participating in the Third Division last season . . . to share a common stadium, there is little chance of this ever becoming reality.

I suppose it is only human nature to want to protect what is yours and has been inherited. It is that same competitive nature that fires the game, that also prevents clubs amalgamating their facilities. I know club directors who would not even step across town to watch their own side compete against their local rivals because they just can't bring themselves to go into the rival camp. And while attitudes like that prevail, progress has no chance.

The fact that two clubs share the same arena need not detract in any way from their own individuality. Both clubs can have a side of the ground to house their offices and facilities and so maintain their own identity in full. It works quite well on the continent for clubs like Milan and Inter Milan, Juventus and Turin.

Obviously this would not be the solution for all clubs because places like Plymouth and Carlisle are out on a limb, but it could help many resolve their current predicament.

Of course there will be prejudices and objections to overcome, but I'm sure that the supporters of Bradford Park Avenue and other clubs that have gone the same way would have much rather seen their team share a ground and stay in the League.

JOHN NOLAN



ALAN GOWLING -



the players leader

ALAN GOWLING, Bolton Wanderers intrepid footballer, uses his head for much more than directing the ball into the back of the net. The 6' 2" striker is the new Chairman of the PFA and as such he has his finger on the pulse of footballs political wranglings.

"I see it as a personal honour, I was delighted to be asked and selected to do the job," says the former Manchester United, Huddersfield — they were in the First Division then — and Newcastle United stalwart, who is on target for his 400th League appearance this season.

Explains Gowling: "I think we are coming up to a difficult period obviously. Football is under fire, players are under fire and so it is going to be a challenge in that respect, and I am thoroughly looking forward to it.

"The initial month or two has been hectic with an increased number of phone calls, the extra mail and the media requesting interviews. People have been seeking my comments and reactions to other peoples comments, but I have found it exciting, it is very interesting and it is going to be good experience for the future as well."

Alan is following the path of such illustrious leaders as Jimmy Hill, Derek Dougan and Terry Neill, who have all used the position to springboard them into successful careers.

The post is time consuming but it does not interfere in any way with Alan's position as a player and in fact Burnden Park fans will confirm that Gowling this season, is playing as well as he ever did.

A university graduate, he has always shown an interest in the mechanics of administration and was a member of the PFA's Management Committee and involved with the Professional Footballers Negotiating Committee that liaised with the League on Freedom of Contract. So the intrigues of Union and political matters are nothing new.

"In some respects I am hoping we are in for a hectic time," enthuses Gowling, "because that would mean us sitting down and talking to people and possibly reaching some sort of solutions in certain areas."

He continues: "There is obviously a lot to be discussed and agreed. People are demanding changes to the game and I maintain that the players are a vital part of that game, along with the referees, managers and coaches and I'm advocating that those four bodies plus the Football Association, should get together and discuss the problems as a corporate body.

UNITY

"We as a Union do talk to the Football League administrators, and we have spoken to the Managers and Secretaries and the referees, but these have all been isolated meetings with each individual body, on no occasion have we all got together around a table and thrashed out our common problems and I think it is about time we did.

"Of course we do have sectional interests, you can never change that, but there must be some common ground on which we can all combine and form a football lobby if you like, possibly to go to the government and present a unified case for more

money to be directed back into the professional game.

"One area that springs to mind immediately is the money that goes out through the football pools. It might be advantageous to form a Pools Levy Board, on the lines of the Horse Racing Levy Board and this is certainly one of the areas that the lobby could work towards.

"Also there is probably some common ground within football itself. Possibly we need to make changes inside the game. There are one or two little things that could be done. People have talked a lot about the 'professional foul' and items like these should be discussed because the players more than anybody are involved in them.

CHANGE OF LAW

"One hopes that our feelings will be taken into consideration, we don't expect them to be acted upon entirely, but we do feel that we hold some valid views on the subject.

"My own personal feelings on this much publicised item are that I don't think it would prove too acceptable to the majority of players to be sent off for committing a 'professional foul.'

"For a start the workings of it could prove rather difficult. A professional foul could be obstruction and I think that a referee would find it difficult to send a player off for that offence, which is within the laws of the game as they stand now.

"People are loathe to change the laws of the game I know, but and I stress this is only my personal feeling, I would like to see an 18 yard penalty awarded against players committing that offence.

"It would be more interesting for the supporters and the player committing the foul would presumably be booked and therefore the penalty marks would be registered against him in the totting-up process.

"As I say the administrators do not like tampering with the rules of the game, possibly because of problems with FIFA, but amendments do not necessarily mean radical changes. England has been the centre of cricket and rugby, two organisations which have adapted their rules for the games benefit. I believe it is time that football also examined itself in that fashion.

"I know the League would be reluctant to change in view of their status in the world game. Everyone accepts the fact that we do have the best league system in the world and I think this makes our officials conscious that any decisions they embark upon could therefore have repercussions throughout the world, which could create political . . . with a small p . . . problems.

"However I do think that we should direct more consideration to what is happening at home, and if we can improve the product . . . which is what we must do to get people rolling through the turnstiles, then we have to think about some small alterations to the package."

Alan Gowling should prove to be a good spokesman for the players he represents and we will keep you abreast of his thoughts, through the pages of this magazine, as the season continues.

There's no ethnic reason

West Germany, twice world champions, have dominated European football at international level, since they completed the 1970-72 European Championship tournament, with an emphatic 3-0 victory in the final against Russia.

During this time, the Germans have managed to call upon a stream of world class performers of the calibre of Beckenbauer, Hoeness, Muller and now Schuster, players with an artistic touch, vision and the ability to take opponents out of the game.

It seems strange that the home countries have not been able to match the quality of their German counterparts, for the men from the Bundesliga are not some superior race, in fact ethnically we are very similar.

I posed the question to one of footballs leading managers at club and international level, Bobby Robson the Ipswich Town boss, who agreed: "It certainly showed up in the European Championship in Italy last summer.

"And that should not be so," continued Robson. "We are tough, athletic and have plenty of determination, but we have to acquire more technique, a better touch on the ball.

"My two Dutch boys, Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen, are shining examples. Their touch and class on the ball, in relationship to

working with the ball, is tremendous. Their first touch is so sophisticated and refined it is a delight to see them with the ball. They control it at once and are the complete masters of it.

"Unfortunately we do not produce players like that in the Football League. Until we have players who can master the ball with their first touch, we are always going to fall short at international level."

EDUCATION

We do have good British players, so why is it they fall short on technique? Is it because they are not taught properly at an early age, or are the pressures of the League too great?

"It's a good question isn't it," ponders Robson. "One wonders whether at school they are taught correctly. I doubt it, because schools are so much diversified in their sporting activities now. When I was a lad we played football in the winter and athletics in the summer, nothing else."

The fact that more sporting horizons are offered to youngsters today has affected football suggests Mr. Robson, who feels that we don't get a large enough percentage of lads devoting their leisure time to the game.

But the problem can not be dismissed that easily, the professional game also has to accept criticism of the way it develops young players.

"I wonder whether we train long enough at professional clubs," questions the Ipswich boss, who says: "I would like to ask League clubs what training they give their young players under 20? How many afternoons do they report back for specialised coaching?

"I bet from September on, you will find most of the training grounds deserted in the afternoon. That is not right. I don't think enough time is devoted to technical training and skill work by professional clubs and so they are failing as well.

ADD QUALITY

"At Ipswich we have them all back Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for specialised work. We have reaped the benefit by producing a top class team based on home grown players and that has meant less money has had to be spent in the transfer market.

"If English football is lagging behind say that of Germany, then this is one of the reasons why. We do produce good fit hundred per cent guys with determination in this country, now we



we can't be World Class

have to add quality to those assets.

"And quality is not something that just arrives. Quality has to be earned, through playing, coaching and training. We certainly do enough playing, but are we doing enough coaching and training? Those are the key issues.

"I also think we adopt too easily the attitude that if a player is good in one department we leave it at that. That is not good enough. We should then tackle the things he is not good at, work hard on his flaws, try and make him into a complete player.

"We must start to produce complete players instead of part players. I do know in certain aspects players find it difficult. For instance Arnold Muhren is not a good tackler. Somebody should have encouraged him in that department when he was a young player. If they had, he would be all the better for it.

"The all-round player who can do everything. And that principle is not only related to football. Bjorn Borg is the best tennis player because he is complete, he can produce every shot. But that is because he has worked hard to achieve that.

WE CAN DO IT

"The same applies to football and one needs to list the requirements for a player and then work on them with each individual member of the club. In this country we simply don't work hard enough or long enough at it. Our standards are low.

"Do you remember Ray Wilkins' goal against Belgium in the European Championship? The way that boy took that goal was super, and when it happened I was as thrilled as anybody. Then I thought why doesn't he do that more often, why doesn't he get into those positions and score 15 or so goals a season?

"Ray has got the feet to pass the ball and if he has got the feet then he has got the feel to shoot. So if he conveys and passes the ball to all parts of the field, which he does do brilliantly, then he really ought to be doing the same thing on his shooting.

"If Wilkins can do what he does now, all the creative work, running about gathering the ball and supporting the play, why then can't he develop his game and go on to score 15 goals in a season? If he does that then he is a world class player because he is going to get you goals and he is going to make goals, therefore he has got two thirds of his game right.



Ray Wilkins who missed the first five months of this season through injury, has the potential to become world class.

"Then he has to maybe work on the marking . . . which he did well enough in Italy, where he put himself about, worked and tackled.

"So really players like Ray can be as good as any in the world. They can do it, they have the ability, it is just that they have to be made to do it.

"And if we do insist that players get down to it and don't let them dictate to us, then I am sure we can produce players the equal of any. Because generally speaking they like to be pressed, disciplined, worked and shouted at. They might not like it at the time but overall they adhere to it, button down and are grateful to you at the end of the day."

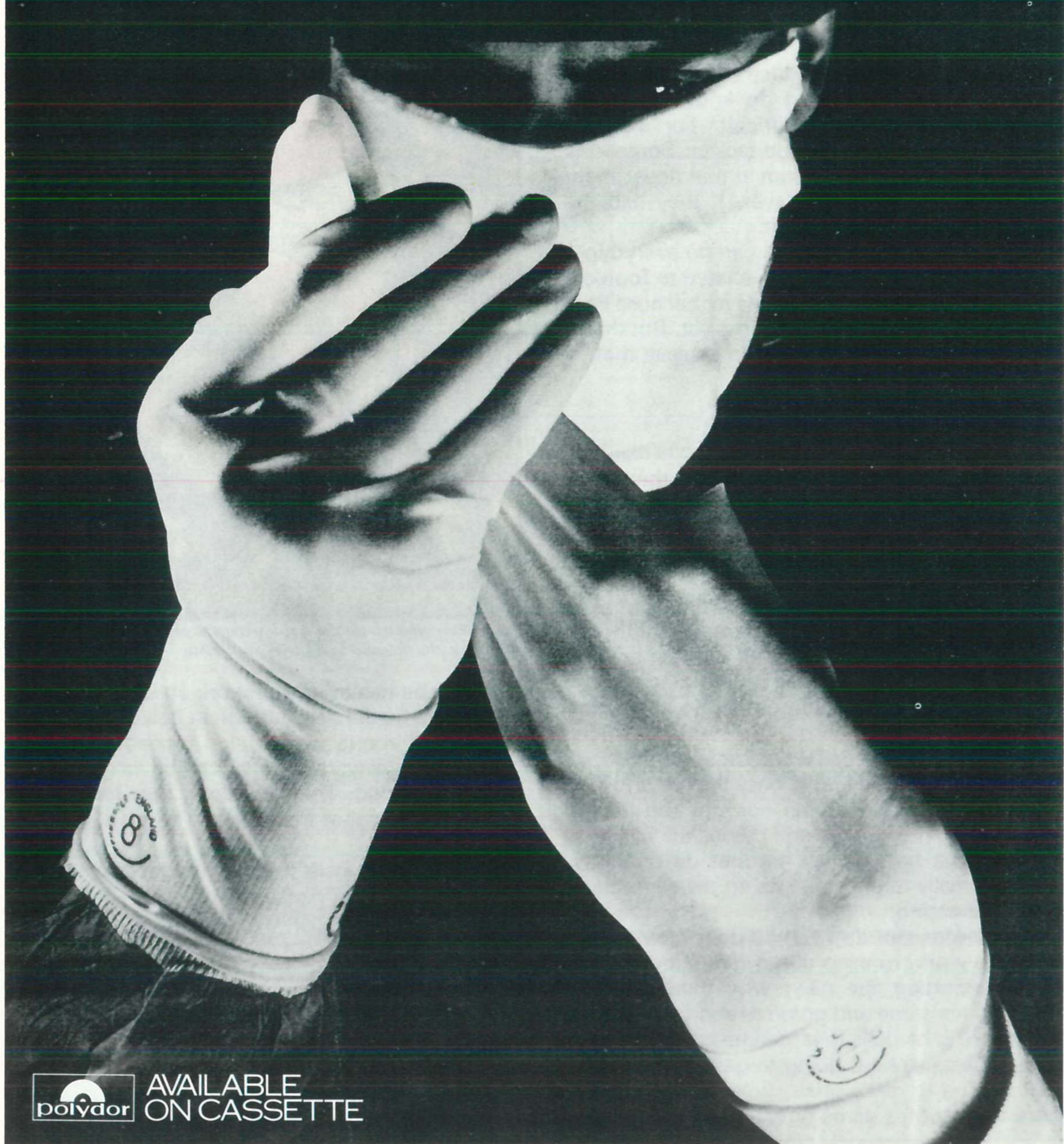
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Tottenham Hotspur 5 Ipswich Town 3 . . . that's entertainment. Okay so perhaps Bobby Robson and Keith Burkinshaw were not too pleased with the way some of the goals came because they were the result of players errors, but what a marvellous game it turned out to be for the fans.

I think that the conditions also played an important part in the game. A blustery wind and driving snow in the second-half made it inevitable that defenders would make mistakes especially as the ball was slippery and hard to master.

From Tottenham's point of view we did have problems in defence that was true and we conceded three goals which is no good to us, but then we overcame this obstacle by attacking Ipswich. We went on to score five times, against a defence that had let in just 14 goals in the previous 19 Football League games. That was good for Tottenham and good for the game, as it was achieved by progressive attacking play that proved to be an enjoyable spectacle for the supporters who were there.

I think that this Spurs side are not given enough credit for their ability. By Christmas, Liverpool were the only First Division side to have scored more goals than us and from the point of view of entertainment — which is very important — Tottenham are one of the best teams in the country.

There is no doubt about it, we should be higher in the table than we are. The trouble is fluctuating performances. For example after that truly great win over Ipswich we went out, three days later at Middlesbrough, to lose 4-1.

I'm sure that if only we could install more stability and consistency into our play, there would be no stopping us, in the hunt for major honours.

At the moment every match is like a cup-tie for Spurs. All the players are so keen to do well and we are sinking our hearts into every game, working just that little bit harder to try and get results.

But there is no question of sacrificing any of our flair and adventure for the sake of defensive systems just in order to earn more points. When we win something we will do it in style.

BENNO

Colin Benson's world of soccer

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The European club competitions have certainly provided the fans with plenty of goals this season. Up to the mid-season break 214 matches in the three major UEFA club competitions had produced 618 goals, which represents an average of 2.89 goals per match.

But it is the UEFA Cup in which Ipswich Town have made such an impact that has really provided the excitement with 338 goals in 112 ties . . . an average of 3.02 goals a game.

And within that competition Ipswich Town can go even better, for in the six games the Suffolk club played to reach the 4th Round, they amassed 14 goals and conceded seven, which gives an average of 3.5 goals a match.

In the European Cup in which Nottingham Forest and Liverpool competed, 50 fixtures produced 140 goals for an average of 2.80 a game. And in the Cup Winners Cup in which both West Ham United and Newport County still have an interest, again 140 goals were scored but this time from 52 matches, providing an average of 2.69.

Away goals proved to be more decisive in the UEFA Cup with six ties being decided on the away goals as opposed to one tie in each of the other two competitions.

One Cup Winners Cup tie was decided after extra time while three such finishes were required in the UEFA Cup which also needed penalties to decide the outcome of two of the games.

JUNIOR QUIZ TIME

1. Which club does Franz Beckenbauer now play for?
2. What have Joe Mercer, John Harris, Ken Furphy, Jimmy Sirrel and Harry Haslam in common?
3. Have Barnsley ever played in the First Division?
4. How many times have Blackburn Rovers won the F.A. Cup. Is it once, twice, six or seven times?
5. Who plays at Ashton Gate?
6. Which 2nd Division player also plays County cricket for Yorkshire?
7. Which animal is prominent in Coventry City's club emblem?
8. Who captained England's World Cup winning team in 1966?
9. Who plays at Vicarage Road?
10. Which Football League clubs has Stan Anderson managed?

FUN SPOT

* Can you name this player manager? — Played for Orient, Southampton and Chelsea where he enjoyed the best part of his playing career. Developed into a hard rugged defender and once scored a hat-trick against Ipswich (1968-69) although playing in the back four. Born in Stratford, London, he left Stamford Bridge to join Q.P.R. and has since moved on to Leicester City, Derby County and his present club of which he was appointed manager earlier this season?

* Fun Spot — Dave Webb, Bournemouth.

ANSWERS — 1. SV Hamburg. 2. They have all been managers of Sheffield Utd. 3. No. 4. six. 5. Bristol City. 6. Alan Ramage, Derby County. 7. Elephant. 8. Bobby Moore. 9. Watford. 10. Middlesbrough, Doncaster Rovers & Bolton.

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BOLTON RECORD

Part 41 — Season 1932/33

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division One	Home	Away
Arsenal	0-4	2-3
A. Villa	0-1	1-6
Birmingham	2-2	1-2
Blackburn	4-2	2-3
Blackpool	1-0	3-1
Chelsea	2-3	1-1
Derby	1-1	1-4
Everton	2-4	2-2
Huddersfield	2-1	1-2
Leeds	5-0	3-4
Leicester	5-0	0-2
Liverpool	3-3	1-0
Manchester City	2-1	1-2
Middlesbrough	4-3	1-2
Newcastle	2-2	1-3
Portsmouth	4-1	1-2
Sheffield United	3-3	2-3
Sheffield Wednesday	3-0	0-2
Sunderland	0-0	4-7
W.B.A.	2-2	0-4
Wolves	2-0	1-4

F.A. CUP

Rd. 3 — Charlton (a)	5-1
4 — Grimsby (h)	2-1
5 — Man. City (h)	2-4

League goalscorers

Milsom	25	Westwood	12
Butler	10	Gibson	8
Griffiths (T)	5	Rimmer	5
Goslin	4	McKay	4
Cook	3	Nicholson	1
Wright	1		

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

appearances:

Atkinson J.E.	3	Boyle M.J.	9
Butler, W.	35	Church R.B.	15
Cook W.	27	Duckworth, T.C.	10
Eastham	3	Edmed, R.A.	3
Finney, A.	41	Gibson, G.B.	27
Goslin, H.	26	Griffiths, J.	21
Griffiths T.	25	Howarth, H.	30
Jones, R.	27	McKay, W.	22
Milsom, J.	39	Nicholson, G.	21
Rimmer, J.W.	22	Smith R.	3
Walton G.	3	Westwood R.W.	37
Wright, W.B.	13		

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	42	25	8	9	118	61	58
Aston Villa	42	23	8	11	92	67	54
Sheffield Wed.	42	21	9	12	80	68	51
W.B. Albion	42	20	9	13	83	70	49
Newcastle United	42	22	5	15	71	63	49
Huddersfield T.	42	18	11	13	66	53	47
Derby County	42	15	14	13	76	69	44
Leeds United	42	15	14	13	59	62	44
Portsmouth	42	18	7	17	74	76	43
Sheffield United	42	17	9	16	74	80	43
Everton	42	16	9	17	81	74	41
Sunderland	42	15	10	17	63	80	40
Birmingham	42	14	11	17	57	57	39
Liverpool	42	14	11	17	79	84	39
Blackburn Rovers	42	14	10	18	76	102	38
Manchester City	42	16	5	21	68	71	37
Middlesbrough	42	14	9	19	63	73	37
Chelsea	42	14	7	21	63	73	35
Leicester City	42	11	13	18	75	89	35
Wolves	42	13	9	20	80	96	35
Bolton Wanderers	42	12	9	21	78	92	33
Blackpool	42	14	5	23	69	85	33

ACTION



BRISTOL ROVERS v BOLTON

- A. John Thomas and Neil Whatmore put pressure on the Bristol Rover's goalkeeper.
B. Alan Gowling hits the target.
C. John Thomas in action.

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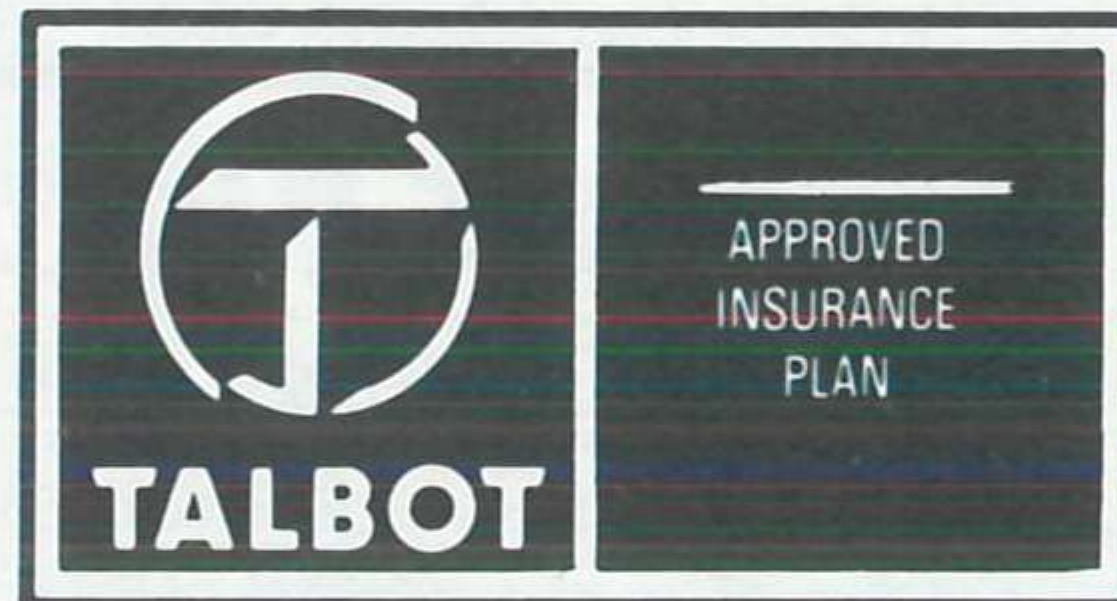
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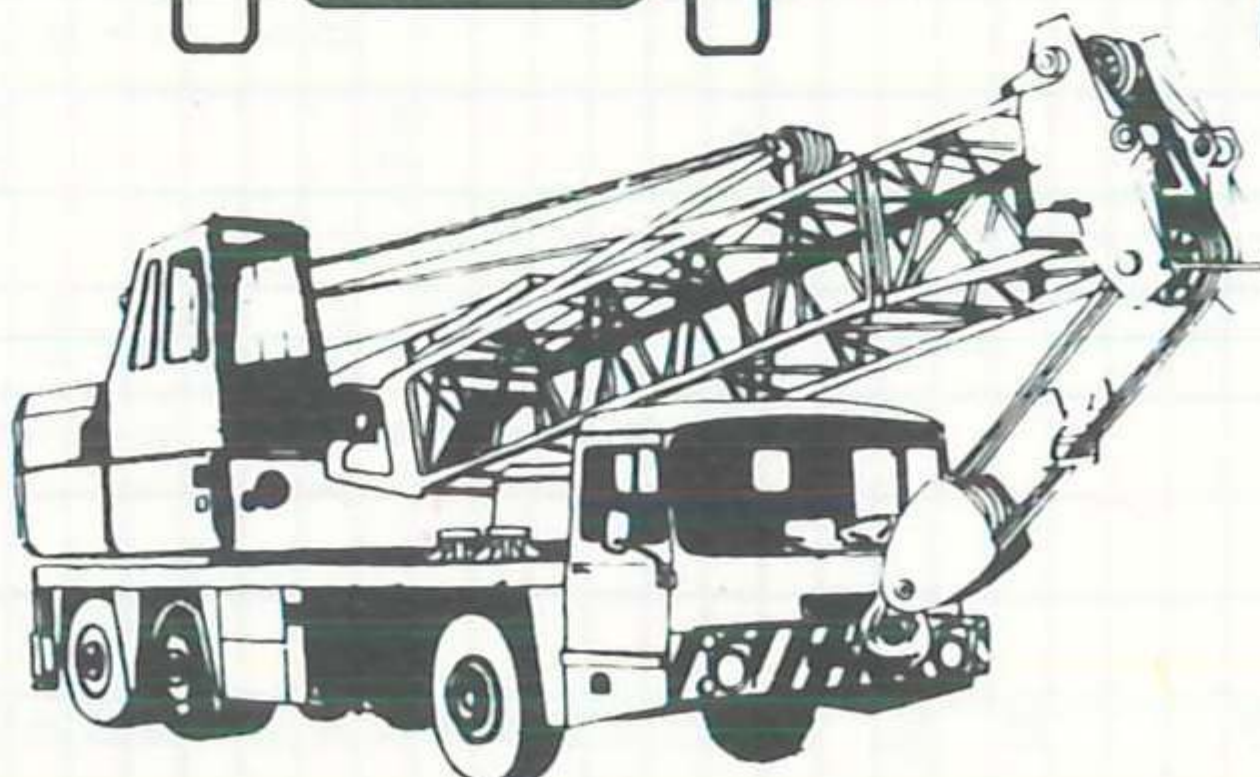
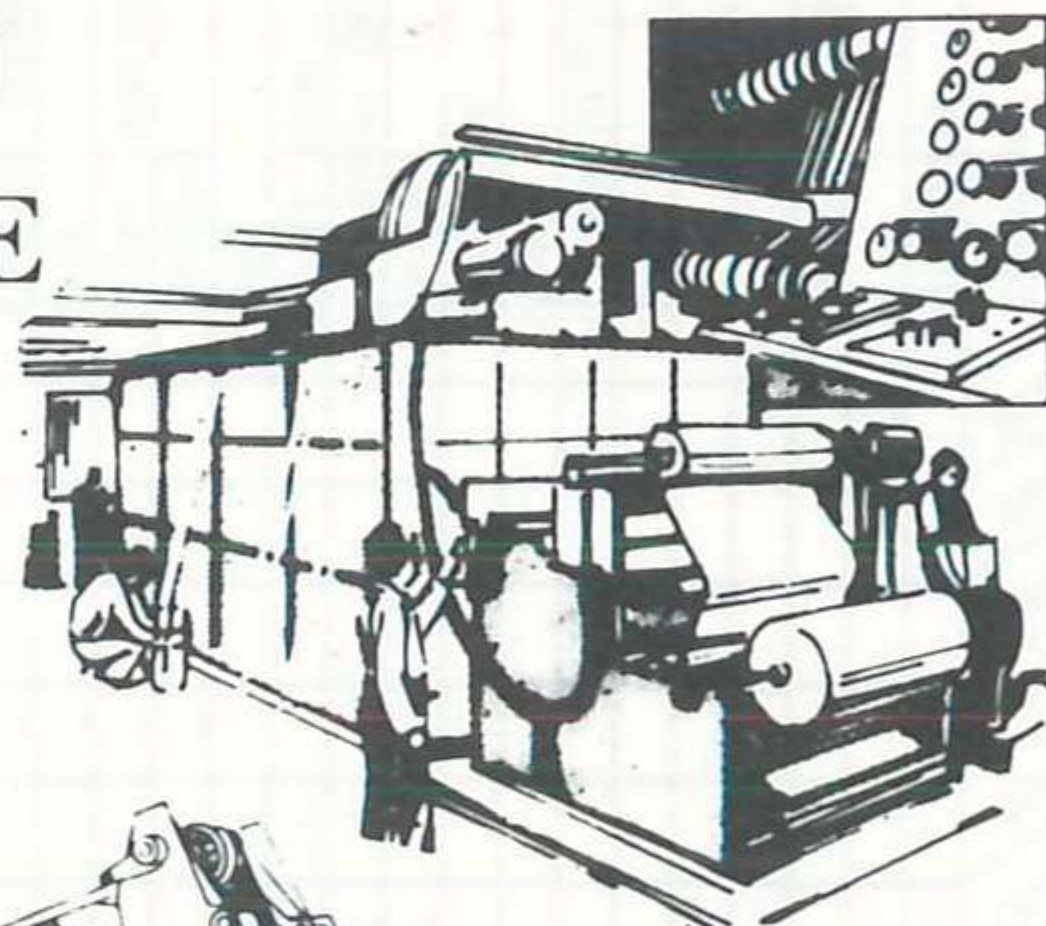
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John Thomas jumps for joy after scoring his and Bolton's 2nd goal against Cardiff City.

Photo Paul Lewis.



Facts & Figures 1980-81

HOME GAMES
IN CAPITALS

*Denotes
Sub used

	FA	Attn	Peacock	Graham	Burke	Wilson	Jones	Walsh	Gowling	Whatmore	Carter	Kidd	Cantello	Bennett	Hoggan	Nowak	Clement	McElhinney	Nicholson	Poole	Thompson	Nikolic	Reid	Moore	Thomas	Brennan	Scorers
Aug. 16	Notts County	1-2	7,459	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12												Whatmore
19	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	0-0	15,926	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12												Kidd(3) Whatmore
23	NEWCASTLE	4-0	11,835	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12											
26	L.C. CRYSTAL PALACE	0-3	9,913	1	2	3	4*	5	6	7	8	9	10			11	12*										Kidd
30	Derby County	0-1	17,378	1	3			5	6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12	2									Griffiths (o.g.) Gowling (pen)
Sept. 2	L.C. Crystal Palace	1-2	15,536	1	3			5*	6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12*	2									Walsh
6	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-0	8,712	1	3	12*		6*	7	8	9	10	4			11		2	5								Whatmore
13	Cardiff	1-1	6,532	1	3	12*	5*	6	9	8		10	4			11	7	2									Cantello
20	SWANSEA	1-4	9,419	1	3	9		6	5	8		10	4			11	7	3	12								Thompson, Gowling
27	Oldham	1-1	10,174		2	3	12	5	6	9	8		10	4		11			1	7							Carter, Kidd
Oct. 4	CHELSEA	2-3	11,888		2	3		5	6	9	8		10	4*		12			1	7	11						Kidd
7	Shrewsbury Town	2-1	5,077	12	3	7	5	6	9		8	10	4						2	1	11*						Gowling
11	Queens Park Rangers	1-3	8,641		3	7	5	6	9	8	11	10	4	12					2	1							Kidd (3), Whatmore,
18	BRISTOL CITY	1-1	8,988		2	11		5	6	9	12	8	10	4					3	1			7				Hoggan, Cantello
21	PRESTON NORTH END	2-1	10,713		2	3		5	6	11	8	9	10	4		12				1			7				Hoggan
25	West Ham United	1-2	25,277		2	3		5	6	11	8	9	10	4					12	1			7				
Nov. 1	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	6-1	8,016		3			5	6	11	8	9*	10	4		12*				2	1		7				
8	Watford	1-3	11,296		3			5	5	11	8		10	4	12	9				2	1		7				
11	Sheffield Wednesday	0-2	16,262		2	3	12	5	6	11	8		10			9				1	4		7				
22	GRIMSBY TOWN (1)	1-1	9,031		2	3		5	6	4	8	9	10*			11				1			7	12*			Hoggan
25	NOTTS COUNTY	3-0	7,344		2		4	5	6	11	8		10		12	9				3			7				Wilson (2), Kidd
29	Luton Town	2-2	8,300		2		4	5	6	11	8		10		12	9				3	7						Whatmore (2)
Dec. 6	ORIENT	3-1	8,228		2		4	5	6	11	8		10			9				3	7			12			Whatmore, Kidd (2)
13	Bristol City (2)	1-3	7,384		2		4	5		11	8		10			9				3	7			12	6		Gowling (pen)
19	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	1-2	6,315		2	3	4	5		11	8*		10			9				6	7	1	12*				Gowling
26	Wrexham	1-0	7,635		2		4		11	8		10		6	9					3	7	1		12			Whatmore
27	BLACKBURN ROVERS	1-2	18,184		1	2	4		11		12	10		6*	9					3			7	8	5		Hoggan
1981																											
Jan. 3	Nottingham Forest (FAC3)	3-3	22,520		1	2	4	5*		11	8		10			9				6	12*				3		Hoggan(2), Whatmore
6	NOTTINGHAM F. (FAC3R)	0-1	22,799		1	2	4			11	8		10			9				3	5			12	6		
10	Grimsby Town	0-4	9,320		1	2	4		5				10		11	9				3	12*			8	6		
24	DERBY COUNTY	3-1	9,937		1	2	4	5		11			10			9				3							Gowling(2), Thomas
31	Newcastle United	1-2	19,108		1	2	4	5		8			10		11	9				3				8	6		Bennett
Feb. 7	CARDIFF CITY	4-1	8,115		1	2	4	5		11					10	9				3							Thomas (2), Wilson, Nikolic
14	Bristol Rovers (5)	1-2	5,368		2		12*	5		11	8				4*	9				3				10	6		Gowling
22	OLDHAM ATHLETIC																										
28	Swansea City																										
Mar. 7	Chelsea (6)																										
14	SHREWSBURY T. (LCF)																										
21	Preston North End																										
28	WEST HAM UNITED																										
Apr. 4	Cambridge United																										
11	WATFORD (SF)																										
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18	Blackburn Rovers																										
20	WREXHAM																										
25	Orient																										
May 2	LUTON TOWN																										
9	F.A. Cup Final																										

BURNDEN DATES

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
SHREWSBURY TOWN
SATURDAY 14th MARCH 1981
KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Tuesday 17th February 1981)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham United	30	14	0	1	41	9	5	7	3	15	14	45
Notts County	29	7	6	1	19	10	5	7	3	15	18	37
Chelsea	30	7	5	3	25	9	6	4	5	19	20	35
Blackburn Rovers	29	9	5	1	20	5	3	5	6	12	19	34
Derby County	30	7	6	2	27	20	5	4	6	18	20	34
Grimsby Town	30	8	6	1	17	3	3	5	7	16	23	33
Swansea City	29	8	2	4	25	15	3	8	4	18	19	32
Luton Town	29	7	5	3	27	18	5	3	6	17	18	32
Sheffield Wednesday	28	11	3	1	28	9	2	3	8	10	21	32
Cambridge United	29	10	1	4	22	13	4	3	7	11	23	32
Queens Park Rangers	30	8	5	2	25	8	3	4	8	15	20	31
Orient	30	7	5	3	25	15	4	3	8	15	23	30
Newcastle United	28	7	4	3	13	10	3	5	6	8	24	29
Watford	30	9	4	2	22	12	0	5	10	10	22	27
Bolton Wanderers	30	8	3	4	34	19	2	3	10	14	29	26
Wrexham	29	3	5	6	11	17	6	3	6	15	14	26
Oldham Athletic	30	5	6	4	13	11	3	3	9	13	25	25
Preston North End	29	5	6	3	19	18	1	6	8	8	27	24
Cardiff City	28	6	3	4	17	15	2	4	9	15	29	23
Shrewsbury Town	30	5	5	5	21	17	0	7	8	4	17	22
Bristol City	29	5	7	3	14	19	0	5	9	5	25	22
Bristol Rovers	30	2	8	5	16	19	0	3	12	8	31	15

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TEAM CHECK

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Terry Poole
- 2 Mike Graham
- 3 Gerry McElhinney
- 4 Dave Burke
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Ian Brennan
- 7 Dusan Nikolic
- 8 Neil Whatmore
- 9 Dave Hoggan
- 10 John Thomas
- 11 Alan Gowling
- 12



- 1 John Platt
- 2 Nick Sinclair
- 3 Ronnie Blair
- 4 Ged Keegan
- 5 Ken Clements
- 6 John Hurst
- 7 Paul Atkinson
- 8 Paul FUTcher
- 9 Martin Nuttall
- 10 Roger Palmer
- 11 Darren McDonough
- 12

Oldham Athletic

Referee:

M. R. Baker (Wolverhampton)

Linesmen:

J. Callaghan (Liverpool) (Red Flag)

K. G. Fawcett (Kendal) (Yellow Flag)

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

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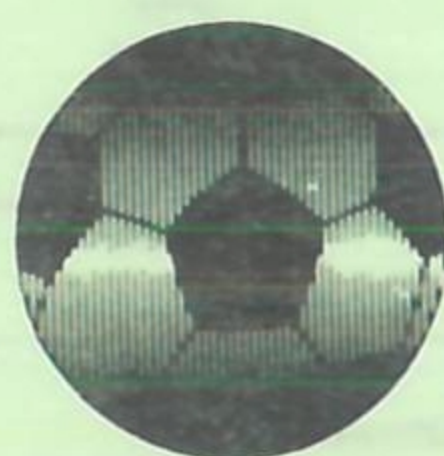
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BOLTON

Shirts: White

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- 4 BENNETT Mike
- 5 JONES Paul
- 6 BRENNAN Ian
- 7 NIKOLIC Dusan
- 8 WHATMORE Neil
- 9 HOGGAN Dave
- 10 THOMAS John
- 11 GOWLING Alan

Sub:



KICK — OFF
2.30 p.m.

OLDHAM

Shirts: Blue

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- 3 BLAIR Ronnie
- 4 KEEGAN Ged
- 5 CLEMENTS Kenny
- 6 HURST John
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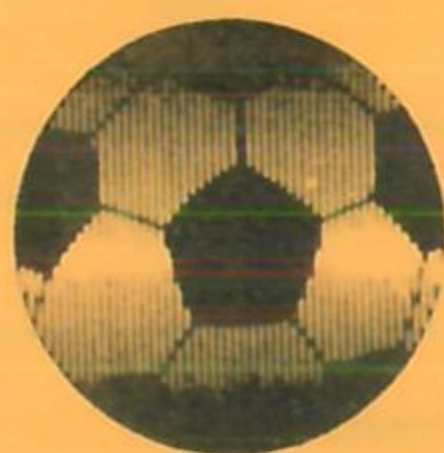
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